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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121) dated October 13, 2005 the following corrected Amendment to The Claims section of the Applicants September 21, 2005 Amendment document is submitted: